

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Robin Hamilton, on March 11, 2009 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 248, 3/6/2009; SB 273, 3/6/2009

Executive Action: HB 629, SB 173, SB 273, SJ 9, SJ 25

00:04:43 Vice Chairman Hamilton

**HEARING ON SB 273**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:02 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 273, Revise school trustee laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:52 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:28 Rep. Lake  
00:10:49 Sen. Laslovich  
00:10:59 Rep. Bean  
00:11:11 Rep. Washburn  
00:11:54 Sen. Laslovich  
00:13:07 Rep. Washburn  
00:13:31 Sen. Laslovich  
00:13:51 Mr. Vogel  
00:14:41 Rep. Butcher  
00:15:50 Sen. Laslovich  
00:16:48 Rep. Butcher  
00:17:20 Sen. Laslovich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:40 Sen. Laslovich

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 629**

00:22:33 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 629 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:22:46 Rep. Blasdel  
00:23:49 Rep. Wilmer  
00:24:04 Rep. Brown  
00:24:52 Rep. Bean  
00:25:20 Rep. Malek  
00:26:06 Rep. Fleming  
00:26:44 Rep. Brown  
00:26:45 Rep. Beck left the room.

00:27:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Malek voting no. Reps. Boniek, Wagner, Beck and Grinde voted by proxy.

00:27:32 Rep. Beck returned to the committee.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 173**

00:27:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bean moved that **SB 173 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy. Rep. Mendenhall will carry the bill on the floor.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 9**

00:30:01 **Motion:** Rep. Malek moved that **SJR 9 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:30:28 Rep. Wilmer

00:30:57 **Motion:** Rep. Beck moved that **SJR 9 BE AMENDED**.  
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**Discussion:**

00:31:28 Jeremy Gersovitz

00:32:48 Rep. Beck

00:33:16 Vice Chairman Hamilton

00:33:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy.

00:33:46 **Motion:** Rep. Beck moved that **SJ 9 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

00:34:01 Rep. Brown

00:35:26 Rep. Butcher

00:36:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy. Rep. Hamilton will carry the bill on the floor.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 25**

00:36:56 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved **SJR 25 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:38:02 Rep. Butcher

00:39:35 Rep. Wilmer

00:41:07 Rep. Blasdel  
00:41:43 Rep. Washburn  
00:42:11 Rep. Fleming  
00:43:23 Vice Chairman Hamilton  
  
00:43:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Fleming, Malek, Lake, Beck, Calf Boss Ribs voting aye. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy.  
  
00:44:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved **TO TABLE SJR 25.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON SB 248**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:31 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 248, Resident benefits for nonresident members of Montana National Guard.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:48:46 Tyler Trevor, Montana University System

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:09 Rep. Washburn  
00:50:30 Sen. Brueggeman  
00:51:33 Rep. Brown  
00:52:05 Sen. Brueggeman  
00:52:27 Rep. Brown  
00:53:05 Sen. Brueggeman  
00:53:18 Rep. Brown  
00:53:41 Mr. Trevor

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:54:19 Roger Hagen, Montana National Guard

**Additional Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:01 Rep. Malek  
00:56:47 Sen. Brueggeman  
00:57:08 Rep. Butcher  
00:57:34 Mr. Hagen  
00:58:36 Rep. Butcher

00:58:55 Mr. Hagen  
00:59:41 Rep. Butcher  
01:01:00 Mr. Hagen  
01:02:44 Rep. Wilmer  
01:03:20 Mr. Hagen  
01:03:47 Rep. Wilmer  
01:04:15 Mr. Hagen  
01:05:03 Rep. Wilmer  
01:05:15 Mr. Hagen  
01:05:43 Rep. Wilmer  
01:05:50 Mr. Hagen  
01:06:02 Rep. Brown  
01:06:31 Mr. Hagen  
01:07:14 Rep. Brown  
01:07:28 Mr. Hagen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:08:10 Sen. Brueggeman

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 273**

01:09:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lake moved that **SB 273 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy. Rep. Butcher will carry the bill on the floor.

01:10:23 Vice Chairman Hamilton

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:10:26 Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

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Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([edh54aad.pdf](#))**